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[redacted] Chief
Seoul Bureau, FBIS

Dear Jim:

Subj: Swaziland Planning
Ref: Briggs 29 October 1981 Letter

This is in response to your comments and suggestions on various topics regarding the Swaziland Bureau start-up operations.

[redacted] Admin is drawing up a contract for [redacted] that will give you the flexibility you seek in determining her schedule and number of work hours as you go along. She is already receiving training in B&F to prepare her for her role as part-time secretary. She'll also receive some teletype instruction and practice to enable her to fill in as a teletype operator whenever the need arises.

Teletype Training: We agree with you that an ongoing experienced operator should be used to train your new teletypists. We'll probably have to send you one from London. Using Riyadh is probably out of the question, as Nicosia has been having very heavy weather lately and their teletype section is stretched tight.

Monitor Training: You can plan on getting an experienced monitor at the appropriate time to help train your new monitors. We'll see if [redacted] is available and willing. [redacted] is already prepared to let him go. If not, we'll find someone else who is qualified. [redacted] suggests starting out with [redacted] and then following up with [redacted]

Bureau Designation: FCS decided some time ago to use MB as the bureau designation. This symbol has already begun appearing in FBIS publications and has become part of the MIDAS format.

We seem to be making good progress in setting things up for the new bureau. Virtually all of the equipment is on hand, and delivery of the furniture and supplies is imminent. Arrangements for shipping are just about completed. A building for the bureau hasn't been nailed down yet, but the Embassy is assisting us in our search and we don't think it will be too long.

[] phoned in yesterday with a preliminary cruising report. Sounded good; he even heard some Angolan stuff early and late. Locating the right bureau spot may be the trick. It looks like the sort of place where reception changes if you move three feet to the right or left. We'll keep you up to date as we move along.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, Operations Group

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